

IN THE CLAIMS:

The following is a complete listing of the claims in this application, reflects all changes currently being made to the claims, and replaces all earlier versions and all earlier listings of the claims:

Claims 1-31 (canceled)

Claim 32 (Currently Amended): An information processing apparatus connected with an external information processing apparatus and a peripheral apparatus via a network, comprising:

obtaining means for obtaining a device driver, which controls the peripheral device, delivered [[by]] from the external information processing apparatus ~~in response to a delivery of the device driver to the external information processing apparatus~~, wherein the device driver is obtained from the external information processing apparatus ~~without issuing to the external information processing apparatus a request for the device driver~~;

executing means for executing a scanning process using the device driver to obtain data; and

transmitting means for transmitting the data obtained by the scanning process
control means for preparing the device driver obtained by said obtaining
means so that the device driver is in an executable status.

Claim 33 (Previously Presented): An information processing apparatus according to claim 32, further comprising driving means for, after obtaining the device driver, executing the device driver in response to completion of preparation of the device driver to drive the peripheral device.

Claims 34 and 35. (Canceled)

Claim 36 (Previously Presented): An information processing apparatus according to claim 32, wherein said obtaining means remotely calls a reception program for receiving the device driver in the external information processing apparatus via a remote procedure call.

Claim 37 (Currently Amended): A method for controlling an information processing apparatus connected with an external information processing apparatus and a peripheral apparatus via a network, comprising:

an obtaining step of obtaining a device driver, which controls the peripheral device, delivered ~~[[by]]~~ from the external information processing apparatus ~~in response to a delivery of the device driver to the external information processing apparatus~~, wherein the device driver is obtained from the external information processing apparatus ~~without issuing to the external information processing apparatus a request for the device driver;~~

an executing step of executing a scanning process using the device driver to obtain data; and

a transmitting step of transmitting the data obtained by the scanning process

a control step of preparing the device driver obtained in said obtaining step so that the device driver is in an executable status.

Claim 38 (Previously Presented): A method according to claim 37, further comprising a driving step of, after obtaining the device driver, executing the device driver in response to completion of preparation of the device driver to drive the peripheral device.

Claims 39 and 40. (Canceled)

Claim 41 (Previously Presented): A method according to claim 37, wherein said obtaining step includes remotely calling a reception program for receiving the device driver in the external information processing apparatus via a remote procedure call.

Claim 42 (Currently Amended): A computer program product comprising a computer-readable storage medium storing a computer program for implementing a method of controlling an information processing apparatus connected with an external information

processing apparatus and a peripheral apparatus via a network, wherein the computer program includes:

procedure code for an obtaining step of obtaining a device driver, which controls the peripheral device, delivered ~~[[by]]~~ from the external information processing apparatus in response to a delivery of the device driver to the external information processing apparatus; wherein the device driver is obtained from the external information processing apparatus ~~without~~ issuing to the external information processing apparatus a request for the device driver;

procedure code for an executing step of executing a scanning process using the device driver to obtain data; and

procedure code for a transmitting step of transmitting the data obtained by the scanning process

procedure code for a control step of preparing the device driver obtained in the obtaining step so that the device driver is in an executable status.

Claim 43 (Previously Presented): A computer program product according to claim 42, wherein the computer program further includes procedure code for a driving step of, after obtaining the device driver, executing the device driver in response to completion of preparation of the device driver to drive the peripheral device.

Claims 44 and 45. (Canceled):

Claim 46 (Previously Presented): A computer program product according to claim 42, wherein the obtaining step includes remotely calling a reception program for receiving the device driver in the external information processing apparatus via a remote procedure call.

Claim 47 (Currently Amended): A network system comprising a peripheral device, a first information processing apparatus storing a device driver for driving the peripheral device, and a second information processing apparatus,

wherein said first information processing apparatus includes:

transfer means for transferring the device driver from said first information processing apparatus without receiving a request for obtaining the device driver from said second information processing apparatus,

wherein said second information processing apparatus includes:

obtaining means for obtaining, from said first information processing apparatus, the device driver transferred from said first information processing apparatus;

executing means for executing a scanning process using the device driver to obtain data; and

transmitting means for transmitting the data obtained by the scanning process

~~storing means for storing the device driver after setting the peripheral device to a controllable status in response to the obtaining means obtaining the device driver.~~

Claim 48. (New) A system including an information processing apparatus, a first apparatus, and a second apparatus, comprising:

first transmission means for transmitting a first program from said information processing apparatus to said first apparatus;

second transmission means for transmitting a second program from said information processing apparatus to said second apparatus;

generation means for, in said first apparatus, generating data using the first program;

third transmission means for transmitting data generated by said generation means to said second apparatus;

reception means for, in said second apparatus, receiving data transmitted from said first apparatus; and

image processing means for, in said second apparatus, performing an image processing of the data received by said reception means.

Claim 49. (New) An information processing apparatus communicating with a first

apparatus and a second apparatus, comprising:

first transmission means for transmitting a first program to the first apparatus;

and

second transmission means for transmitting a second program to the second apparatus,

wherein the first program is executed by the first apparatus to generate data and transmit the data to the second apparatus, and the second program is executed by the second apparatus to perform an image processing of the data received from the first apparatus.

Claim 50. (New) The apparatus according to claim 49, wherein said first apparatus is an image scanner which scans a sheet using a scanner driver to generate electronic data, and said first apparatus transmits the generated electronic data to said second apparatus.

Claim 51. (New) A method of controlling a system including an information processing apparatus, a first apparatus, and a second apparatus, comprising:

a first transmission step of transmitting a first program from the information processing apparatus to the first apparatus;

a second transmission step of transmitting a second program from the information processing apparatus to the second apparatus;

a generation step of, in the first apparatus, generating data using the first program;

a third transmission step of transmitting data generated in said generation step to the second apparatus;

a reception step of, in the second apparatus, receiving data transmitted from the first apparatus; and

an image processing step of, in the second apparatus, performing an image processing of the data received in said reception step.

Claim 52. (New) A method of controlling an information processing apparatus communicating with a first apparatus and a second apparatus, comprising:

a first transmission step of transmitting a first program to the first apparatus; and

a second transmission step of transmitting a second program to the second apparatus,

wherein the first program is executed by the first apparatus to generate data and transmit the data to the second apparatus, and the second program is executed by the second apparatus to perform an image processing of the data received from the first apparatus.

Claim 53. (New) The apparatus according to claim 52, wherein said first apparatus is an image scanner which scans a sheet using a scanner driver to generate electronic data, and said first apparatus transmits the generated electronic data to said second apparatus.

Claim 54. (New) A program stored in a computer readable storage medium for causing a computer to perform a method of controlling a system including an information processing apparatus, a first apparatus, and a second apparatus, said method comprising:

a first transmission step of transmitting a first program from the information processing apparatus to the first apparatus;

a second transmission step of transmitting a second program from the information processing apparatus to the second apparatus;

a generation step of, in the first apparatus, generating data using the first program;

a third transmission step of transmitting data generated in said generation step to the second apparatus;

a reception step of, in the second apparatus, receiving data transmitted from the first apparatus; and

an image processing step of, in the second apparatus, performing an image processing of the data received in said reception step.

Claim 55. (New) A program stored in a computer readable storage medium for causing a computer to perform a method of controlling a computer communicating with a first apparatus and a second apparatus, said method comprising:

a first transmission step of transmitting a first program to the first apparatus;

and

a second transmission step of transmitting a second program to the second apparatus,

wherein the first program is executed by the first apparatus to generate data and transmit the data to the second apparatus, and the second program is executed by the second apparatus to perform an image processing of the data received from the first apparatus.